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SUBJ: ELN GROUP ASSASINATES ALLEGED TRAITOR IN MEDELLIN

1. A GROUP OF FOUR MEN ON OCTOBER 21 FORCED THEIR WAY ONTO A BUS TRANSPORTING NIGHT WATCHMEN RETURNING TO THE CENTER OF MEDELLIN FROM THEIR NIGHT SHIFT AT THE WORKSHOPS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION AND SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THE WATCHMEN, JUAN RAMON CARDONA. THE FOUR MEN SHOUTED NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) SLOGANS BEFORE SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPING AND LEFT BEHIND BULLETINS STATING THAT CARDONA WAS EXECUTED FOR HAVING BETRAYED ELN MEMBER LUIS CARLOS CARDENAS ARBELAEZ LAST YEAR.
2. CARDENAS, WHO ALSO WORKED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOPS, HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY A MILITARY PATRO OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE LAST YEAR AND MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT AND KILLED WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED BY ARMY VEHICLE TO BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.
3. THE BULLETINS LEFT BEHIND MONDAY ON THE BUS STATED THAT CARDONA HAD BEEN A DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN THE ARREST AND SLAYING OF CARDENAS AND WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE EXECUTION OF CARDONA SERVES TO REAFIRM THE PURPOSE OF THE ELN AND ITS UNBREAKABLE STRIVING FOR REVOLUTION, SIGNING OFF LIBERATION OR DEATH .

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4. THE POLICE AND DAS ARE INVESTIGATING. THE ABOVE ACCOUNT WAS

DRAWN FROM EL COLOMBIANO REPORTING ON THE KILLING, CONFIRMED AS
ESSENTIALLY CORRECT BY MILITARY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES.
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